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The Food and Drug Administration

Department of Health and Human Services, Rm. 1-23

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Rockville, MD 20857

Re: 99P-1340/CP 1 Petition to Have *Eternity* 'em de parfum "Misbranded"

Dear Sir or Madam:

In May, 1999, the Environmental Health Network (EHN) submitted the above petition to have Calvin Klein's "Eternity eau de **parfum**" declared misbranded. I am writing because I fully support this petition and request that the FDA give it **careful** attention with regard to your regulations 21CFR Sec. 740.1, 21CFR Sec. 740.2, and 21CFR Sec. 740.10. Regulation 21CFR **Sec. 740.10** specifically states:

"Each ingredient used in a cosmetic product and each finished cosmetic product shall be adequately substantiated for safety prior to marketing. Any such ingredient or product whose safety is not adequately substantiated prior to marketing is misbranded unless it contains the following conspicuous statement on the principal display panel:

"Warning--The safety of this product has not been determined."

As the petition shows, "Eternity" contains toxic ingredients and ingredients whose safety have not been substantiated. There is no warning label on its packaging.

We all have a right to know the status of safety testing of the ingredients in products such as "Eternity" so that we can protect ourselves and our families from toxic chemicals that may cause health problems. Most people are not aware that most fragrance materials have only limited safety testing. They wrongfully assume **these products are safe to use** in any **setting** and are surprised when people complain.

Like tobacco smoke, the **harmful** chemicals currently used in these products may affect the health of many people, including people with asthma, chemical sensitivities, chronic fatigue, and other environmental illnesses. Children are particularly vulnerable to toxic chemicals found in products' purchased and used by their parents, care givers and teachers.

When I am exposed to fragrance products, such as "Eternity," I experience (list here):

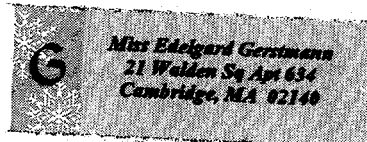
Please act on behalf of the millions of people who have suffered physical illness and injury resulting **from** fragrance exposure at work, at school and *in* social settings. These toxic chemicals act as powerful barriers to people disabled by asthma and chemical sensitivities. Because of this, toxic chemicals in fragrances have already ruined countless lives. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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